

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-18 (canceled).

Claim 19 (previously presented): A piezoelectric actuator assembly, comprising:

a piezoelectric actuator for driving an injector of an injection system for an internal combustion engine; and

a receiving sleeve including a first sleeve part, a second sleeve part connected to said first sleeve part in an assembled state, and an anti-rotation element for maintaining a predetermined angular position between said first sleeve part and said second sleeve part as said first sleeve part and said second sleeve part are guided together;

said piezoelectric actuator at least partially inserted into said receiving sleeve.

Claim 20 (canceled).

Claim 21 (currently amended): A piezoelectric actuator assembly, comprising:

a piezoelectric actuator for driving an injector of an injection system for an internal combustion engine; and

a receiving sleeve including a first sleeve part, a second sleeve part connected to said first sleeve part in an assembled state, and an anti-rotation element for maintaining a predetermined angular position between said first sleeve part and said second sleeve part as said first sleeve part and said second sleeve part are guided together;

said piezoelectric actuator at least partially inserted into said receiving sleeve; and

~~The receiving sleeve according to claim 19, wherein~~

said anti-rotation element ~~has~~ having a slot-and-key connection with a slot formed in one of said first and second sleeve parts and a shape-matched key disposed on another of said first and second sleeve parts and engaging in the slot in the assembled state.

Claim 22 (previously presented): The receiving sleeve according to claim 21, wherein at least one of said slot and said key is formed with an insertion bevel, said insertion bevel enabling a pre-assembly of said first sleeve part and said second sleeve part with an angular displacement.

Claim 23 (previously presented): The receiving sleeve according to claim 22, wherein the angular displacement has a maximum angular displacement for the pre-assembly in a range between 1° and 10°.

Claim 24 (previously presented): The receiving sleeve according to claim 22, which comprises a plug-and-socket connection between said first sleeve part and said second sleeve part having a predetermined length, said insertion bevel extending in an axial direction over only a part of a length of said plug-and-socket connection.

Claim 25 (previously presented): The receiving sleeve according to claim 24, wherein said insertion bevel extends in the axial direction over 10% to 50% of the length of the plug-and-socket connection.

Claim 26 (previously presented): The receiving sleeve according to claim 24, wherein at least one of said slot and said key extends over at least a part of the length of said plug-and-socket connection, starting from a free end of a respective said sleeve part in each case, whereby said key engages in said slot early while said first and second sleeve parts are being joined to one another.

Claim 27 (previously presented): The receiving sleeve according to claim 24, wherein at least one of said slot and said key of said slot-and-key connection extends over the entire length of said plug-and-socket connection, said insertion bevel takes up a part of the length of said plug-and-socket connection, and said anti-

rotation element takes up all of a remainder of the length of said plug-and-socket connection.

Claim 28 (previously presented): The receiving sleeve according to claim 21, wherein said slot and said key are each formed with an insertion bevel.

Claim 29 (previously presented): The receiving sleeve according to claim 28, wherein said insertion bevel of said slot has an insertion angle substantially equal to an insertion angle of said insertion bevel of said key, whereby, during an assembly, said insertion bevels slide onto one another in substantially plane-parallel orientation.

Claim 30 (previously presented): The receiving sleeve according to claim 19, which comprises a snap-in connection with a predetermined latching point, wherein, in the assembled state, said first sleeve part is mated with said second sleeve part by way of said snap-in connection.

Claim 31 (previously presented): The receiving sleeve according to claim 28, which comprises a snap-in connection with a predetermined latching point, wherein, in the assembled state, said first sleeve part is mated with said second sleeve part by way of said snap-in connection.

Claim 32 (previously presented): The receiving sleeve according to claim 31, wherein said insertion bevel acts at a maximum only as far as said latching point when said first and second sleeve parts are joined together.

Claim 33 (previously presented): The receiving sleeve according to claim 22, wherein said insertion bevel runs substantially straight and uncurved.

Claim 34 (previously presented): The receiving sleeve according to claim 22, wherein said insertion bevel transitions seamlessly into said anti-rotation element.

Claim 35 (previously presented): The receiving sleeve according to claim 22, wherein said insertion bevel transitions with a bend into said anti-rotation element.

Claim 36 (previously presented): The receiving sleeve according to claim 19, wherein each of said first sleeve part and said second sleeve part has a recess formed in an end face thereof for guiding the piezoelectric actuator.

Claim 37 (previously presented): The receiving sleeve according to claim 36, wherein said recesses and the piezoelectric actuator together form a fit having an angular clearance greater than an angular clearance of said anti-rotation element, to thereby prevent torsional forces from acting on the piezoelectric actuator.

Claims 38-39 (canceled).

Claim 40 (previously presented): A receiving sleeve for a piezoelectric actuator, the receiving sleeve comprising:

- a first sleeve part and a second sleeve part, said first sleeve part being connected to said second sleeve part in an assembled state of the receiving sleeve; and

- an anti-rotation element for maintaining a predetermined angular position between said first sleeve part and said second sleeve part;

- said anti-rotation element having a slot-and-key connection with a slot formed in one of said first and second sleeve parts and a shape-matched key disposed on another one of said first and second sleeve parts and engaging in said slot in the assembled state;

- at least one of said slot and said key formed with an insertion bevel, said insertion bevel enabling a pre-assembly of said first sleeve part and said second sleeve part with an angular displacement.

Claim 41 (previously presented): The receiving sleeve according to claim 40, wherein the angular displacement has a maximum angular displacement for the pre-assembly in a range between 1° and 10°.

Claim 42 (previously presented): The receiving sleeve according to claim 40, which comprises a plug-and-socket connection between said first sleeve part and said second sleeve part having a predetermined length, said insertion bevel extending in an axial direction over only a part of a length of said plug-and-socket connection.

Claim 43 (previously presented): The receiving sleeve according to claim 42, wherein said insertion bevel extends in the axial direction over 10% to 50% of the length of the plug-and-socket connection.

Claim 44 (previously presented): The receiving sleeve according to claim 42, wherein at least one of said slot and said key extends over at least a part of the length of said plug-and-socket connection, starting from a free end of a respective said sleeve part in each case, whereby said key engages in said slot early while said first and second sleeve parts are being joined to one another.

Claim 45 (previously presented): The receiving sleeve according to claim 42, wherein at least one of said slot and said key of said slot-and-key connection extends over the entire length of said plug-and-socket connection, said insertion bevel takes up a part of the length of said plug-and-socket connection, and said anti-rotation element takes up all of a remainder of the length of said plug-and-socket connection.